

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6 (cancelled)

7. (new) A metal housing (2), particularly a housing (2) intended to contain electronic or similar components, comprising a side wall (8) furnished with a ledge (20) having a bore (16) to receive a fixing screw (6), characterized in that the side wall (8) has, at the bore (16), a recessed area (10) whose concavity is oriented toward the outside of the housing (2), said recessed zone being suitable for allowing a discharge of any metal chips toward the outside of the housing when the fixing screw is screwed in, the ledge (20) being intended to receive the screw (6) overhanging the recessed zone (10).
8. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the side wall (8) is substantially flat and in that the overhanging ledge (20) does not cross the plane of the wall (8).
9. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the side wall (2) is substantially flat and in that the overhanging ledge (20) is substantially perpendicular to the plane of the wall (8).
10. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the side wall (8) is substantially flat and in that the recessed zone (10) has a surface (14) inclined

relative to the plane of the side wall (8) so as to discharge toward the outside of the housing (2) any chips produced by the screwing of the fixing screw (6).

11. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the inclined surface (14) is connected to the overhanging ledge (20) by a portion of wall (12) substantially parallel to the side wall (8).
12. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that it comprises a cap (4) forming a cover, in that the electronic or similar components are supported by a printed circuit (22), and in that the peripheral edge of the printed circuit (22) is sandwiched between the cap (4) and the ledge (20) intended to receive the fixing screw (6), the latter traversing the printed circuit (22).
13. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the side wall (8) is substantially flat and in that the recessed zone (10) has a surface (14) inclined relative to the plane of the side wall (8) so as to discharge toward the outside of the housing (2) any chips produced by the screwing of the fixing screw (6).
14. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the side wall (2) is substantially flat and in that the overhanging ledge (20) is substantially perpendicular to the plane of the wall (8).